

# 30 years of tunes

Music in the Mountains announces anniversary season

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Music in the Mountains, the largest classical music organization in the Sierra Foothills, announces its 30th anniversary season — filled with new magic and old favorites.

After a challenging year of fundraising and streamlining, MIM remains committed to sharing first-rate music with the community, including one of the finest orchestras in the region, renowned guest artists and new musicians.

The year begins with SpringFest, April 15-17, at St. Joseph's Cultural Center in downtown Grass Valley, an homage to MIM's early concerts in this historic former chapel. The first concert, "Classics for Kids," is presented by the principal players of the MIM Festival Orchestra, and will be held on April 15. This free concert is specially designed for the area's fourth-grade students.

April 16 finds jazz harpist Motoshi Kosako performing original works with his trio. The MIM Festival Orchestra principals return for an evening of chamber music April 17 under the direction of artistic director Gregory Vajda, who will also play the clarinet. Local thespian Bob Rossman will narrate Stravinsky's "The Soldier's Tale" — a Russian take on the Faustian dilemma.

To celebrate the opening of the 30th season, a complimentary champagne, coffee and dessert reception follows the Saturday



Gregory Vajda, Music in the Mountains' artistic director, will lead the 30th anniversary season of the classical music organization. SpringFest starts the season April 15-17 at St. Joseph's Cultural Center in Grass Valley.



Robin Mayforth, Music in the Mountains' concertmaster, performs.

and Sunday concerts.

SummerFest, June 18 through July 3, includes favorites from the last 30 years of performances, as well as some

famous pieces that MIM has never played such as Wagner's "Flying Dutchman Overture" and Beethoven's "Symphony No. 5." Concerts will feature the professional orchestra, the 90-voice festival chorale and guest artists. A new Family Concert, "Introducing the Symphony Orchestra," will provide insights on the symphonic art form for kids of all ages. Another highlight of the summer program will be "Cirque de la Symphonie," a performance art group that incorporates magic, juggling, contortion and silk aerials into a classical concert. They will be appearing at the first outdoor Picnic and Pops on June 25.

The perennially popular WinterFest holiday concerts fea-

turing the Festival Chorale with chamber orchestra will be presented Dec. 9-11.

The Music in the Mountains Alliance fundraising group also produces a variety of benefit events throughout the year, one for every taste. "Music in the Vineyards," an elegant dinner, will be held May 19 followed by Bridge, Lunch and Tunes on June 27. The Sierra Brewfest is scheduled for Aug. 27, the SwingAlong Golf Tournament Sept. 11 and The Designs for Living Home Tour Oct. 1-2.

Tickets for Music in the Mountains' concerts and events may be purchased online at [www.musicinthemountains.org](http://www.musicinthemountains.org) or by calling the box office at (530) 265-6124.

## Sierra Foothills to build new CoRR building

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Community Recovery Resources officials have selected a Grass Valley builder to construct a new, 33,000-square-foot substance abuse treatment center.

Sierra Foothills Construction is working with CoRR to develop a budget for the Center for Hope, a new behavioral health center for which CoRR received a \$9.3 million federal loan to build last year.

It will be the first comprehensive residential drug treatment center in western Nevada County. CoRR currently operates a smaller facility in Grass Valley, and the new building will increase its capacity for housing patients 250 percent, according to previously published reports.

Sierra Foothills Construction owner Keoni Allen confirmed Thursday his firm received the contract.

"The really good news is that we were able to keep this project local," Allen said. "We're really, really focused on spreading the work around to local (subcontractors and suppliers.)"

"Community Recovery Resources Board, staff, and incredible community partners have been working to bring this important health resource to our community for about six

years, and it is so exciting to be at this point," said Ariel Lovett, a representative from CoRR, in an e-mail to The Union. "The Center for Hope is a community wellness center focusing on substance abuse and behavioral health treatment and prevention. The facility will provide a complete continuum of care for substance abuse and mental health, promoting wellness and recovery programs through a full range of prevention, treatment and aftercare services."

The facility is set to be built on 3 acres at the southwest corner of Sierra College Drive and East Main Street in Grass Valley. Workers are expected to break ground on the project this summer after the contract is finalized in May, Lovett said.

The building will include an outpatient center with childcare, meeting rooms, a library, fitness center, and residential and transitional housing for individuals and families, Lovett said.

"We're very grateful for the support of the community, including City of Grass Valley and Congressman Tom McClintock, and many others who have made this vision a reality," Lovett added.

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